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SUBJECT: VAN DER STOEL'S VISIT TO VENEZUELA

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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH US TODAY, MFA OFFICIAL DENIED REPORT IN DUTCH PRESS WHICH CLAIMED THAT FONMIN VAN DER STOEL WAS PREPARED TO COMPLAIN ABOUT DIRECT CONTACTS BETWEEN NETHS. ANTILLES SEPARATIST GROUPS AND VENEZUELAN GOVT. OFFICIAL SAID THAT, WHILE MFA MAY NOT CONSIDER SUCH CONTACTS TO BE HELPFUL, THEY ARE NOT CONCERNED ABOUT THEM AND FONMIN CERTAINLY DOES NOT PLAN TO RAISE SUCH AN ISSUE ON THIS "GOODWILL VISIT."

2. BESIDES GOODWILL ASPECT OF VISIT, CONTACT WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSIONS ON THE ONE REAL PROBLEM BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES, I.E. DELIMITATION OF SEA BOUNDARY AND CONTINENTAL SHELF BETWEEN VENEZUELA AND ANTILLES. WE ARE TOLD THAT SETTLEMENT OF THE BOUNDARY QUESTION IS ONE OF TWO MAJOR PRE-CONDITIONS WHICH MUST BE RESOLVED BEFORE THERE CAN BE ANY MOVEMENT ON QUESTION OF INDEPENDENCE FOR THE ANTILLES (THE OTHER BEING REVISION OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NETHERLANDS ANTILLES STATUTE). ON OTHER SUBJECT WHICH IS ON

THE AGENDA IS THE POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF THE CIVIL AIR AGREEMENT
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